



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

It's May; the Month of Celebration! (and shopping local)

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SUMMER FUN

Survive the Escape Room has expanded again, as they now have a fourth escape room themed *Bank Heist*, which allows 4-8 players. Hurry there soon and see if you can crack the case. Have you done their other three escape rooms? They are *Pharaoh's Curse*, *Gold Rush Cabin* and *Pirate Ship*. Survive the Escape Room originally opened last April at 4132 Center St. (same retail center as Darque Tan and Papa Johns), and the owner is Deer Park resident Ronald Wyatt. They also have a large party room that is perfect for birthday parties, team building, etc. This summer fun is for all ages, and you can book online at www.survivetheescaperoom.com or call (832) 780-0122.



The Hero of All Subs is Coming Back

Firehouse Subs originally opened in Deer Park at 3717 Center Street in February 2011, but the restaurant temporarily closed last year. The franchise owner recently changed and the store will soon re-open with a fresh new vibe. The 2,500 square foot restaurant is expected to be open for business the mid-May, and this store will now be one of the very few locations that serves French Fries – or *Ladder Fries*, as they like to call them. Since 1994, the former firefighter brothers Robin and Chris Sorensen have been serving award winning hot subs and earning national recognition, and they now have over 1,200 locations throughout the U.S. This location is also now hiring, so stop by and see the information posted on their door for application information.

Nashville Hot!

Urban Bird Hot Chicken is coming soon to 8015 Spencer Hwy. (near Chipotle) in the former location of I Heart Mac & Cheese. Proudly veteran owned and operated, this Nashville-style hot chicken eatery serves up deliciousness using only all-natural Halal chicken, with no antibiotics or hormones. The menu includes chicken tender baskets and sandwiches, waffles, fries, sweet potato fries, slaw, street corn, mac and cheese and more. There's also a kids' menu and they cater events. Stay tuned for more details about the grand opening.



Hampton Inn's New Look

Always looking to improve their guests' experience, the Hampton Inn Deer Park at 1450 Center St. recently renovated virtually every inch of their award-winning hotel with all new furniture, lighting, décor, mattresses, drapery, gym equipment and much more. They have also modified their breakfast area and completely shifted the lobby area to make it more comfortable for guests. Get more information at www.hamptoninn.com or call them at (281) 930-9091 for reservations.



Getting Away?

If you are planning a vacation, let your pet enjoy a vacation, too, at Red Bluff Pet Resort. They provide luxurious accommodations for dogs, cats, and small animals at 5009 Red Bluff Road (just north of Spencer Hwy.). Whether it's a luxury suite with TVs or a cozy standard enclosure for dogs, kitty condos, or small animal boarding for rabbits, ferrets, and guinea pigs, your pet's comfort and safety are their top priority. With a spacious outdoor dog area featuring small pools and fun activities, your pet will enjoy plenty of exercise, walks, and comfy bedding. Plus, extended stays receive 10% off, and there are special discounts for multiple pets. Don't forget to check out their Doggie Day Care and grooming salon! Book a stay today at www.redbluffanimals.com or call (281) 680-6000.

Get Your Yard in Shape

Martin Land Design is a home-based business in Deer Park, owned by local resident Amanda Martin. As a landscape architect, Amanda specializes in outdoor spaces and residential garden design. Let Amanda transform your home's landscaping by crafting unique, elegant outdoor spaces. Reach out today at (281) 979-3451, email info@martinlanddesign.com, or visit www.martinlanddesign.com.

A Shift for YogaStrong

Deer Park has been the home of YogaStrong for the past six years. Located at 2604 Center St. (next door to The Health Nut), their owner, Lacey Curry, has decided to shift from holding classes at their storefront location to only holding online classes. While this marks the end of one chapter, it is also the beginning of a new journey as they transition to offering online Zoom classes and private sessions only. Much more than just a studio – YogaStrong is a community of strength, healing, and support whose mission will remain unchanged; to guide you through movement, mindfulness, and connection, no matter where you are. For existing students with questions regarding their membership or new students looking to join online offerings, please visit www.yogastrongusa.com.

Will You Answer the Call?

The City of Deer Park Police Department is now hiring Dispatchers with beginning base pay at \$24.29 an hour. Top out pay is \$35.66. Also offered are shift differentials, license incentives, education incentives and other great benefits. No experience required. If interested visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/deerpark and select "Dispatcher".

A Major Accomplishment

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the esteemed 5-Star Accreditation to our very own Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, who is proud to now be one of only 29 Accredited chambers of commerce in Texas and one of just 7 in the Houston area. This prestigious designation recognizes our chamber's outstanding leadership, impact, and dedication to serving the local business community. They have consistently worked to provide valuable resources, advocacy, and networking opportunities to local businesses. In order to receive accreditation, the chamber entered into a year-long rigorous process evaluating its key areas including governance, government affairs, program development, and member engagement. The 5-Star Accreditation signifies excellence in these areas and demonstrates the Deer Park Chamber's unwavering commitment to fostering economic growth and enhancing the business climate in Deer Park. Be sure to congratulate Paula, Isabella and Monica the next time you see them.



A Lovely Refresh

It was five years ago that Alan Davis first painted the lovely dancing girl mural at Revels Performing Arts Center (RPAC) at 4227 Center Street. Davis recently reached out to RPAC in hopes of re-imagining the mural, and the result is now a stunning ballerina with flying doves. Davis has creatively painted many murals in our community, including the mural on the south-facing wall at Brentwood Daycare building at 2202 Center St., murals at Deer Water Junior High and several other DPISD schools, Tresses Hair Salon at 2506 Center St. and the Cuban Café at 1625 Center Street. One resident recently hired him to paint nature scenes on their dining room walls. Let Alan use your home or business as a pallet for a beautiful piece of art by calling him at (832) 272-4979 or email him at AlanDavisArtistry@gmail.com. You can see his Facebook page for photos of his projects.



The Fun Never Stops

The Flying Dutchman, which opened its doors in 1976, quickly became a beloved institution in the Bay Area, famous for its oysters, seafood, and stunning waterfront views. After 21 successful years, it was acquired by Landry's in 1997. In 1998, the Kemah Boardwalk debuted as a 60-acre waterfront entertainment complex, offering rides, shops,



entertainment, and a selection of popular Landry's restaurants, including The Flying Dutchman. However, after nearly 50 years of operation on the Boardwalk, Landry's made the decision to close both The Flying Dutchman and Joe's Crab Shack, citing plans for a "dynamic transformation" and a fresh energy for the area. So, what can we expect from these "huge" changes? A major renovation is currently underway, and rumors suggest exciting new attractions (possibly a waterpark component) and upgrades are in store. While Landry's has yet to reveal specific details about the space, they've promised that what's coming will be nothing short of epic.



Bits & Pieces

- Mother's Day Pop-Up on May 8, 4pm to 7pm at HOTWORX, located at 3401 East Blvd., featuring flowers and treats from local businesses.
- Reminder that every Wednesday is Dollar Cookie Day at Frosting Dreams Bakery, 910 E. Pasadena Blvd., Deer Park, TX.
- San Jacinto College was just ranked as one of the top three community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute.
- Fun Fact: The 78,000 square foot Volkswagen of Clear Lake (right down the street) opened last month as the largest Volkswagen dealership in the world, located at 3310 Gulf Freeway in League City.
- Fun Fact: In October 1995, potatoes became the first vegetable to be grown in space, a joint effort between NASA and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Grown aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia, the aim was to develop technology for feeding astronauts on long space voyages.

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